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WANTED, A LEADER.

It is not about time, in the interests of good government, that the Liberal party ceased floundering around this country like a chicken without a head, in other words, in a leaderless condition? An opposition has a function to perform which cannot be carried out save under a leader, and with a party organization. We are afraid that the question of leadership contains the elements of disruption. Almost every Liberal candidate elected during the recent campaign is an aspirant for the office of leader. Among the more distinguished are Mr. R. L. Drury, Mr. T. W. Patterson, Mr. W. W. B. McInnes, Mr. John Oliver and Mr. J. A. Macdonald. The last named has been endorsed by those distinguished exponents of Liberalism, the Rossland Miner and the Vancouver Province, an endorsement which we should imagine would have the effect of reducing his chances to a minimum. Mr. John Oliver has been endorsed by Mr. John Oliver in a most emphatic manner. Mr. Oliver regards himself as the keystone of Liberalism in this country, the natural rallying point of the forces of the party. We do not know but that Mr. Oliver is right in his estimate. It is true that the Liberal party betrayed no eagerness to go to the country under his leadership, but since the Liberal party has come back from the country in a defeated condition, there need be no further check to his ambition. Mr. W. W. B. McInnes very naturally and properly considers Mr. W. W. B. McInnes the destined leader of the Liberal party, but we do not know by what alchemy he is going to get Mr. John Oliver to agree to that view of the matter. Mr. Drury and Mr. Patterson, as leaders, would make a sort of safety switch into political indeterminateness, under whose gentle and colorless sway, the fierce ambition of their lieutenants would find free scope for mutual annihilation. We do not propose to nominate or endorse anyone for the leadership of the Liberal party. We cannot be so cruel as to blast the chances of any of these worthy aspirants. But we do not mind telling our readers in confidence that our favorite will be chosen, because whoever is chosen will be the instrument of disruption and disintegration in the party, and will, therefore, be quite satisfactory to us. It is not a question of the Liberals having to find a leader, it is a question of their having lost one. A leader is a man prepared to lead in some specific and understandable direction, and the trouble with the Liberal party is that it is not prepared to follow its leader in any specific direction, but that different portions of it are bent on going different ways. It can, therefore, have but a mere simulacrum of a leader, a man who can only pretend to lead by standing still. The Liberal party scratched out a very fair vote in different parts of the country by leaving the determination of its policy until after the election. But its policy, having been determined in either one of the courses open to it, must lose adherents in all directions. It is practically compelled to choose between an independent provincial policy and a policy of saying ditto to the Ottawa government. If it adopts the former policy, which is very unlikely, it cannot offer an effective opposition to the Conservative party which has an independent provincial policy; if it adopts the latter course it cannot retain the confidence of a very large number of its adherents. This impasse at which the Liberal party has arrived was very clearly foreseen by us from the outset of the campaign. But it was obscured to the mass of Liberal voters by the fact that the question of leadership had not been determined. Men of diametrically opposite opinions continued to vote Liberal in the hope that the policy of the party would afterwards be swung according to their wishes. The expedient of going to the country without a leader was a good means of disguising a division, but it had no effect, could have none, in healing it up. The disguise must shortly be torn away and then the difficulties in which the party is, will become more intensified than they were. No doubt the party can club the members elected to follow any leader who may be chosen, but it cannot club the supporters of these members to continue to support them. They will fall away from the party in twos and threes, in tens and hundreds. Naturally, this is the great opportunity of the Conservative party, which has nothing to fear before the electors of the country. It was all very well for the Liberal party to appeal to the electors of the country without a leader and with no definite platform. The expedient was more nearly successful than we ever thought it would be. In fact, if it had not been for the loss of Vancouver where, for various reasons, the question we are now expounding came into bolder relief than in other parts of the province, it would have been successful. But the Liberal party has now to face the afterwards. It can avail itself of the expedient of being leaderless no more, and what happened in the city of Vancouver, is bound, in the nature of things, to happen all over the province, not in the counting of ballots, for which there will be no necessity for a long time to come, but in the adhesion of voters to the principles and policy of the Conservative party. As it was, comparatively to its narrow majority in the House, the Conservative party polled an

enormous plurality of votes in the country. It has then only to stand firm and do its duty by the country to insure that for many years to come the Liberals will never meet it again in the field with anything like the chance of success they had in the late election, when they were defeated.

THE BRITISH CAMPAIGN.

The British political campaign is now on, and a most stirring fight it is. A fight over two opposite theories of industrial development and commercial progress waged in the centre of the British Empire, peculiarly an Empire of trade and commerce, is bound to be one of the great fights of history. Among others of its features, it is an inspiring spectacle to see our aged veteran, Sir Charles Tupper, furnishing up his weapons, girding on his armor, and plunging into the thickest of the fray. Sir Charles Tupper is a mighty man of war, and the Empire has called him to preach the same doctrine to British ears, by which his great leader and himself so aided in the establishment of Canada as a united nation from sea to sea. He has answered the call with a vigor younger men might envy. Our only regret is that the Empire cannot have what Canada enjoyed, the services of Sir Charles Tupper in his prime. For he is in the evening of his days, and cannot hope to see the full fruition of the cause to which he is cheerfully devoting his energies. Nor can he add to his fame and honors what he is taking away from his well-earned repose. But there is a moral impressiveness about the faith which his action reveals that, while men pass away, vital principles endure, and are worth fighting for to the end, which lifts the cause he serves as far above the commonplace of political strife as his striking individuality lifts this Nestor of politics above the ranks of common men. The forces of reaction in Great Britain are indubitably alarmed at the onslaught made upon their position by Mr. Joseph Chamberlain. The vital question of the fight is whether Great Britain is to remain the centre of an Empire, or herself become another Holland. As the generations pass men become blind to the lessons of history. We are not apt to remember that Holland once ruled the sea, that her commercial Empire was, compared with the restrictions of her day and time, greater and wider than the British Empire is now. In what country in the world is there not a strain of her blood, and by no means the most ignoble strain in the countries of the world? Yet all that has perished. The swarms from her parent hive have either remained, like the Boers, in the rigidity of a dangerous isolation, or have gone to strengthen and invigorate other nationalities with the many sterling qualities of the old Dutch pioneers. While Holland herself is becoming blurred and obliterated on the map of Europe as an effective factor in modern civilization, Holland is a country in which the Little Englanders have had their way, and Mr. Chamberlain is today fighting against the Hollandizing of Great Britain. Are we concerned in the fight? Most intimately. It is a question for us whether we remain an integral portion of the greatest world power of history, or become something else which it is at present difficult to foresee. There are some who cannot perceive the relation between a campaign about tariffs and the federation of the Empire. Their blindness may wreck the British Empire. They rage inwardly and outwardly because Mr. Chamberlain pointed out the inevitable connection at the very start. They said he wished to use the leverage of loyalty over a question with which loyalty had nothing to do. But it was in that very matter in which Mr. Chamberlain's directness of vision recommended itself to men with foresight. And it is in that very connection that the eventual victory of his cause is secure. He has sown the seed of a United Empire and has sown it in a warm and fertile soil of patriotism and loyalty. The crop will be reaped in due season, though whether he reaps it or not is a different matter.

THE MINING ASSOCIATION IN POLITICS.

It is a very unfortunate thing when an association formed for the purpose of furthering the business interests of an industry, allows its influence to be used in controversial politics. Such a course entirely destroys its influence in presenting to any government the interests which it represents, and is improper and unfair for other reasons, chiefly that it is bound to contain members equally loyal to the objects the association has in view, but conscientiously differing in their political opinions. With regard to the Mining Association, the questions it put to candidates were a distinct mistake, because they gave the impression that it would use its influence against candidates whose answers were not approved of. However, as no candidates and very few electors paid any attention whatever to the questions, not much harm was done except to the Mining Association. There have been other things, however, in which officials of the association have been very indiscreet. The president took occasion to ostentatiously change his allegiance from one party to the other, an action to which he had a perfect right as an individual, but which was not calculated to advance the interests of the association. Then the Rossland Miner, ostensibly a Conservative newspaper, worked hard for the defeat of all the Conservative candidates within its range, and it is very well known that the Rossland Miner is controlled by potent influences in the Mining Association. In other parts of the province, members of the Executive of the association took action as difficult to reconcile with their party loyalty as with a reasonable doubt that there was a common understanding in a certain section of the Mining Association, and that section an important one in its councils. The district of Cariboo is the only one, so far as we know, in which an issue in the association was an issue in the campaign, the question, namely, of Crown Grants to placer ground. This election has been somewhat mysterious to us, for we have always understood Mr. Hobson, the apostle of Crown Grants, to be a Liberal. The situation has been made plain by a letter from Mr. Denis Murphy in the Ashcroft Journal. He says:—"Mr. Adams, one of the Conservative candidates, came out flatfooted for Crown Grants, whilst Mr. Rogers, the other Conservative candidate, telegraphed the Ashcroft Journal immediately after his nomination that he was personally in favor of them also,

but would be guided by the Conservatives of Cariboo on the matter. The Liberal candidates, on the other hand, stated on the platform that the Crown Grant business was not an issue in the election and that it was a question of such vast importance that no hurried step should be taken. They advocated the appointment of a commission to inquire into the whole matter. As Mr. Hobson is greatly interested in obtaining Crown Grants, one would suppose that his money, if he were foolish enough to spend any on the election, would be used to secure the return of the Conservative candidates. I do not know what stand he took, but I do know that the other large mine owners about Barkerville for the most part used their influence strongly for the Conservative candidates precisely because they, by their public utterances, were prepared to go further than were the Liberals in the matter of promising that Crown Grants would be given." It is clear, therefore, that whatever be the political affiliations of Mr. Hobson, the adoption of his Crown Grant policy in the Mining Association, by the Conservative candidates in Cariboo, led them into most uncomplimentary defeat. It is true that Mr. Murphy affirms that Liberal principles in general caused the Cariboo turnover. We remain of the opinion that Crown Grants caused it, and that opposition to them would have carried "the constituency for any candidates who maintained it. Less politics and fewer politicians will greatly conduce to the usefulness and efficiency of the British Columbia Mining Association.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR.

A REQUEST.

Sir,—Kindly mention in your paper that it would be a good policy to have the street cars stop on the crossing and not half way down the block, especially for the ladies. On Saturday night there were two ladies waiting for the car. When it came along instead of stopping where it should it ran down half a block before it stopped, and the ladies had to walk in the mud to catch the car.

PASSEIRY.

THE CITY'S HEALTH.

Sir,—Some time last year when a considerable number of diphtheria and scarlet fever cases were present at the hospital, I directed attention to the necessity for a strict and continuous health inspection of the city schools. This, of course, would necessitate the employment of a medical officer to inspect the whole attention to the city's health, keeping a strict surveillance over the health of pupils in all the schools, which would in a large measure prevent these frequent outbreaks of infectious diseases. A system could easily be inaugurated whereby the health of every pupil would be under constant supervision, and by this it would be possible to immediately locate an infectious case, and take the necessary precautions to safeguard the health not only of school pupils, but also of all others likely to come in contact with the infection. The saying that the health of the city is the health of the children, is not only a truism, but a very important one. In the isolation hospital would more than repay the salary of a medical man, which consideration is a very insignificant one indeed in comparison with the safeguarding of the health of the children of the city. Now that the rainy season has set in and the vile box and street drains are being flushed, and their deadly crop of germs sent into the streets, it is vital that the city's health and more especially the health of the children, should be safeguarded as much as possible. The retaining of the exclusive services of Dr. Robertson for this purpose would, I am confident, be one of the very best results. If some such effort is not made, and an epidemic of disease among the children occurs, the City Board of Health will be primarily and criminally responsible therefor.

VICTORIANS.

VICTORIA AND SIDNEY RAILWAY.

Sir,—A great number of people will thank Mr. Alderman Vincent for taking up this matter.

It is not enough to ask for waiting rooms on this line. It is not enough to ask that designation are not fit for cattle pens. The larger question is: Why should the public who pay their money to travel on this line, have to put up with the less and more convenient occasion by having to wait hours for a train? A few weeks ago I went with my wife to spend a day with a relative, who drove us in the evening to the Keatinge Crossing to be in time for the train supposed to reach there about 6:40. We waited till 8:45; there is no waiting room, so we had to sit on a log in the road in the cold and dark.

It is not right that any one, especially ladies and children, should be subject to these trying ordeals, with an almost certain chance of catching cold. It would be better to put up with the expense of a train car, and to have the business from the intermediate stations, but only that of the through ferry connections.

The corporation of the city has made large concessions to this line, and the citizens ought to be protected and given proper facilities for using it. A time schedule ought to be enforced and proper waiting facilities provided. We cannot put all our own private conveyances, neither can we afford to hire carriages. For my own part, I have made up my mind that I cannot subject myself to such a trial, and I will not do so under present conditions.

The people of Victoria are a very patient people to have borne this state of things so long as they have.

F. B. KITTO.

PROVINCIAL PRESS.

Roses blooming in profusion in many gardens in Trail, with snow five and six inches deep on the mountains all around, makes an effective contrast these days. On the hills near here the first snow of any consequence fell on Sunday, but nearly disappeared the following day. On Thursday the snow came again, but this time leaving several inches of snow, which still remains. At Rossland, Sandon and many other points the snow was six and seven inches deep in the streets.—Trail News.

The Wakened concentrator is turning out two products, a fine lead concentrate—65 per cent lead and from 100 to 120 per cent zinc, and a second concentrate, 45 per cent zinc and about 70 ounces silver to the ton. There are 100 tons of zinc concentrates on the wharf ready for shipment. The management is holding it for better terms of treatment, but the lead product goes forward to the local smelter as fast as produced.—Sandon Star.

Last night was J. S. C. Fraser's last night in Rossland as a bachelor. Today he leaves for New Westminster, and on Wednesday morning in the Royal City he will wed Mrs. Clinton, one of Westminster's most charming beauties. The popular manager of the Bank of Montreal was accorded a magnificent send-off by Rossland friends. The Rossland club was filled with a festive gathering of business and professional men who assembled to mark the happy occasion. Mr. Fraser has been president of the institution since its inception, and is credited with much of the prosperity which has attended the club.—Rossland Miner.

An explosion of slag at the smelter last evening afforded a magnificent spectacle to those who happened to be looking in that direction when it happened. A couple of workmen who were in the vicinity of the slag when the explosion occurred, received some slight burns, but their clothing torn, but fortunately no one was seriously injured. A big slag pot had just been emptied of its glowing contents outside the furnace building, and by accident the slag rolled into a pool of water. The men who were close by realized what would happen before it reached the water, and ran across the yard as quickly as possible. When they were about halfway across there was a loud report and the fragments of molten glass were hurled over a hundred feet in the air falling in a fiery rain.—Nelson News.

Developments at Poplar Creek are very gratifying and already the camp is showing the earmarks of a great gold mining centre.

Geo. Gilbert is here arranging for a shipment of ore, the like of which has probably never before been handled outside an exclusive placer camp. A few sacks of ore are expected to give returns of many thousands of dollars, as preliminary assays of the same character of ore gave returns of \$11,000 to the ton.—Kaslo Kootenaiian.

PRESS COMMENT.

Two things stand out clearly as the result of the cutting in half of the quarterly dividend on the common stock of the United States Steel Corporation. First, it is shown that men who do not hesitate to sell "water" will not hesitate to disregard any pledges they may make in connection with its sale, and second, it is demonstrated that so low has fallen the phase of "high finance" known as "Morgenthauism" that its chief apostles are compelled to write it down as a fraud.—Philadelphia North American.

Sir Thomas Lipton's proposed yacht race across the Atlantic would be a race that would require vessels stiff and staunch, and so far as the international contest were concerned, would mean an abandonment of the unseaworthy machine that has figured in the last few struggles for the cup. It has been contended that these recent murders of yacht architecture are after designs that represent nothing but benefits yachting. They are not, but are of no value except for speed trials. It is interesting to note that the contests have come to an end, they are held up or are converted into junk for a song.—Spokane Spokesman Review.

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MEN AND THINGS.

Prince Nicholas, of Montenegro is a poet as well as a man of action. He writes dramas which have been acted in Cetinje, and has also written in German and Italian. He is a great admirer of Shakespeare, and often recites "The Charge of the Light Brigade" in English.

As an Etan boy, Mr. Arthur J. Balfour (see Cassell's Saturday Journal) won some reputation for his skill as a football player and was a member of the first school team. He was also an indefatigable walker, and used to astonish his schoolfellows by his length and vigor of his perambulations. Oddly enough, when one considers his present excellence as a speaker, although he diligently attended his school debates, he rarely, and then inconspicuously took part in them.

The most literary monarch in Europe is without doubt the young Victor Emmanuel of Italy. He knows English, French and German equally as well as his native language, and has a reading acquaintance with every day in his study with every kind of literature of every kind. He is said to prefer the monthly reviews to daily journals; but, however this may be, it is quite certain that he made up his mind to read himself more thoroughly posted in all questions of the day.

Lady de Trafford is one of the loveliest women in society. Added to the beauty of her face, dark eyes, her dark hair and well-cut features and clear, pale skin, she has great personal charm and sweetness of voice and manner, which makes her very popular with women as well as with men (says the Lady). A member of the Roman Catholic Church, she was married when quite young to Sir Humphrey de Trafford, who belongs to one of the oldest Catholic families in England. Lady de Trafford is seldom absent from any of the great race meetings.

No one of his rank is a keener golfer than Lord Dudley, Lord-Lieutenant of Ireland, and none has done more to promote the interests of the Royal and ancient game. Prior to his appointment in Ireland he was much seen on English and Scottish courses, and since he went to Ireland Lord Dudley has given golf an important place in his propaganda. Lord Dudley has introduced golf into the Victoria Hotel, and also at his country seat at Rockingham, County Roscommon, and on both he often engages a game with some members of his staff, most of whom are also golfers.

BE FRIENDLY ON THE WAY.

I have journeyed on life's highway till the dial points to noon, And I've learned some useful lessons on the way;

I have proved them o'er and o'er, and I prize them more and more, And I think you can depend on what I say.

You may hold yourself aloof, and may think it is a proof That you're made of some superior sort of clay;

But you'll always find it pays in many different ways, To be friendly to the people on the way.

If the day is dark and dreary, and the way is rough and steep, And some weary brother falters on the road,

You will never feel the weight, be the burden small or great, If you turn about and ease him of his load.

And you'll often see the time when a dollar or a dime Will be a friendly offering most meet— When to give a little sum some mishap will overcome,

Will keep some needy fellow on his feet. I have learned that shabby garments often clothe a noble soul, And handsome lies in wait for great need.

Better help a friend today who is stranded by the way— For who knows but that tomorrow you may find yourself in the same plight.

Then speak out before the crowd, let your voice ring clear and loud, And put your heart in every word you say.

For a friendly word, you know, or a handshake and "hello," Will help the other fellow on the way. —Lizzie C. Hardy, in Pittsburgh Methodist Recorder.

RISIBILITIES.

"Why," he asked, "do you give your audiences so much ragtime music?" "Because," said the great bandmaster, swaying to a sob, "that's all that gives me my glad rags and my easy time."—Chicago Tribune.

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Elderly Fiancee—I hope you are not impressed by the silly sentimentalists who hold that because you've married once you ought to marry again?

Pretty Widow—Don't let that worry you, dear. I've no such prejudice. My own dear mother was married three times, and I only hope that in all things I may follow her example.—Stray Shots.

"You're sure it was the colonel's ghost, are you?"
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Bank Clearings.—The total bank clearings for the week ending October 13th, were \$843,688.

Church Parade.—Members of 5th regiment are reminded that the first parade of the season will be held next Sunday to St. Andrew's Presbyterian church. Parade is called for 10:30 o'clock, and dress will be tunics and helmets.

Popular Dance.—Tomorrow night the Victoria West Athletic Association hold one of their popular dances. The committee of arrangements have completed details and have secured the hall and the best of music will be supplied.

In Aid of Home.—A union thanksgiving service will be held in St. Paul's Church, Victoria West, next Thursday evening at 8 o'clock. The Rev. Dr. Osterhout will preach. A special collection will be taken in aid of the Old Women's Home.

To Select Leader.—On Friday evening next the elected Liberal members of the legislature will meet here to select the man who will henceforth lead the Liberal forces in this province. The meeting has been called by Stuart Macdonald, member-elect for Yale, who is also president of the Provincial Liberal Association.

Nanaimo Hockey Team.—A team to play Victoria in this city on Thanksgiving Day has been picked by the Nanaimo Club, as follows: J. McNeil, 2; J. Rowbottom and R. Wall, full backs; H. Harrison, J. Watson and E. Hughes, half-backs; being captained by Stuart Macdonald. J. McKinnon, H. Wilson and P. Teague, spare. W. Kenyon, C. Grant.

Found Deserter's Clothes.—The road men who were working on the Comox road on Monday found the clothes of the deserter from H. M. S. Florio. He had changed his clothes on the Comox road opposite the old cemetery and then escaped without being noticed. The clothes were found by a section of the police and will be forwarded to the ship at Esquimalt.

White Horse Strike.—While on the way to the coast, W. W. Cory, inspector of offices of the department of the interior and justice for the Yukon, remained a week at White Horse. While there he saw ten or fifteen ounces of gold from the big strike some distance from White Horse. The gold was found by a prospector in this column from time to time. At White Horse when he left there had been between \$30 and \$40 claims recorded.

Married at Montreal.—Rev. F. W. Dewey, at Montreal some days ago, solemnized the marriage of Mr. Nigel O'Brien, formerly of this city, and son of Dr. and Mrs. O'Brien, of Nanaimo, and Miss Kathleen Ross Bowie, third daughter of Mr. Ross Bowie, of Montreal. The ceremony was performed at the residence of the bride's parents. The bride is a sister of Mr. Russell Bowie, captain of the Victoria hockey team of the Eastern metropolis.

Exhibition Finances.—The financial standing of the Agricultural Association as a result of the late exhibition is not yet known. Exact figures will be in all probability forthcoming before the end of the week, and those in a position to know make the assurance that in this particular also the recent event will make a much better showing than last year's. It is expected that the week's attendance at this fall's show was three times the total attendance of the previous year.

Launch for Lighthouse.—Harry Volmer of Galiano Island, had just finished a very handsome clipper-built launch for Mr. Eastwood, of Race Rock lighthouse. All that now requires to be done is to put the 10 horsepower engine in her and she is ready for sea. While on her service she will be the Nanaimo harbor, thus adding one more to the already large fleet of launches that make that port their headquarters.

German Lutherans.—The members of the German Lutheran congregation are busy preparing for a harvest home at the O. W. hall on Thursday next, at 7:30 p. m. No charge for admittance. Refreshments will be served and various attractive features will be added. The "Harvest Home" will be laid to the existing fund toward the erection of a house of worship for the Lutherans of this city. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody.

Twelfth Anniversary.—On Sunday next special services, in connection with the twelfth anniversary of the opening of St. Paul's church, Victoria West, will be held. The Rev. Archibald Ewing will officiate. The choir will sing and the Rev. Joseph McCoy, M. A., in the evening. On Monday evening following the usual anniversary social will take place in the church. A good programme under the auspices of the Ladies Aid society consisting of several short addresses, together with refreshments, will be provided. The admission will be free, but an offering will be taken.

New Consulate Offices.—Very neat and centrally located are the new offices now being fitted up in the Metropolitan block, opposite the new postoffice for Hon. A. E. Smith, United States consul. He has a suite of offices on the ground floor, and the new building is well arranged for his purpose and give him abundance of room for the carrying out of the duties of his office. In the front is the consul's private office, which is partitioned from the remainder of the premises occupied by the United States into a hallway which leads back to the general office, while in the rear of that is a large room which serves for storing files and departmental papers.

Waterworks Improvements.—A number of extensive improvements are going on in the waterworks. George Stevens, manager, is in the city. A week ago he came to Victoria in company with Mrs. Stevens, who entered the Royal Jubilee hospital to undergo an operation. This has proved successful, and Mr. Stevens tends leaving for home at once. Mr. Stevens formerly lived in Victoria, having taken part in the installation of a part of the waterworks system here. The company of which he is the manager in Cumberland is making several improvements to the system there. An additional dam may be built to meet future needs.

Death at Gordon Head.—At the family residence, Berrybank, Gordon Head, yesterday morning the death occurred of Mrs. Isabella Strachan, wife of John Strachan, after a short illness. Deceased was a native of Scotland, and 61 years of age. She came to Victoria in 1882, and has resided here ever since. She leaves a husband, three daughters, Miss Fanny M. Strachan, teacher of Gordon Head school; Miss Annie J. and Miss Catherine M. Strachan, and one son, Robert T. Strachan. The funeral is arranged to take place tomorrow afternoon at 1:30 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. Strachan, at 1400 Alden church, Cedar Hill, and later at Ross Bay cemetery.

Were Dismissed.—Hsen and Wilby, the two boys who were accused of breaking into Jones' grocery store on the day of their previous excursions from the Reformatory, were discharged in the police court yesterday, the evidence against them being insufficient.

New Residences.—Work has been started by Messrs. Martin & Thomas, the contractors, on a new residence for J. J. Mulholland on Birdseye Walk, facing the Government buildings. Mrs. Mulholland, his mother, will also build a new residence on her property, adjoining, on Birdseye Walk.

Commodore's Residence.—Commodore Gaudin, the new commanding officer of the Esquimalt fleet, who is expected to arrive shortly to take command of this station, Rear-Admiral Hickford going home, has secured a furnished residence at Esquimalt. The new commander will bring his own horses and carriage from England.

The Hill Liners.—President Hill, of the Great Northern railroad, says in his annual report of the operations of that road, that the steamship Dakota, the second of the mammoth trans-Pacific freighters, is approaching completion and will be launched at Seattle, in November. The report is now in press and will be printed and ready for shipment within a few days.

Freight Jam at White Horse.—Despite the vigorous methods adopted in transporting freight to the Klondike metropolis, fully two thousand tons will be left at White Horse. All available craft were in requisition, while scows and barges were being freely used where they arrived here left the scene. The water was very low and navigation would close a week or ten days earlier than last year, when the last boat left Dawson for White Horse on October 27th, reaching its destination on November 3rd.

B. C. Bird Stock.—The Toronto Mail and Empire says: "G. H. Haden, of Duncan Station, has consigned 100 choice ranch-bred two-year-old birds, all bred by the Hon. C. A. Semlin, ex-premier of British Columbia. They are a specially desirable lot, being good, pure, and will weigh at maturity from ten to eleven hundred; all splendid patterns and good colors. The sale will be on Wednesday, October 14th, at 10:30 sharp.

Ye Olde London Wanderers.—The annual general meeting was held last evening in the Balmoral Hotel, a large number of members being present. The annual dinner was fixed for Lord Mayor's Day, November 9th. The following officers were elected for the ensuing year: Hon. president, H. L. Langton; vice-president, Charles Holmes; treasurer, E. A. Tison; hon. secretary, Julian A. Williams; committee, O. Field, J. Parkes, T. J. Dearberg, E. Huther, A. W. Mesher.

The Lightning Artist.—For three days more the Westside's lightning artist will continue his exhibitions in the show windows of this popular store, to the increasing delight of the visitors. The number of paintings given away last week was phenomenal, and far exceeded all expectations. Yesterday saw the artist at work on many of the most popular local views, and were picked up before they were dry on the canvas. Today more local views are going to appear, and as many customers are waiting for the same. They are not likely to be on view very long.

Fruit Wanted.—Ex-Alderman Thos. Brydon has kindly promised to supply the Fruit Association with the fine weight of apples that he had in the Exhibition, and they will be arranged in a few days. Will other gentlemen growing fruit in the district kindly follow the same course, and if so, commencing with the 15th inst., and desired to keep a small but choice exhibit always in the rooms for the inspection of visitors? The Victoria branch of the P. M. A. have sent part of the material to the general exhibition, so that, with the collections already owned by the association, a good permanent mineral exhibit can also be maintained.

Injured by Street Car.—J. Nicholles, a milkman of Foul Bay, aged 62 years, while driving across the car track at the corner of Douglas and Fort streets at 9:30 a.m. yesterday, was run down by a Cadboro Bay road car and seriously injured. The car, driven by J. Nicholles, hit the hip and the right arm at the wrist. Besides these he received a deep cut over the right eye and a wound in the head. The injured man was given immediate attention by Dr. J. Nicholles, and afterwards removed to the Jubilee hospital, where last evening he was reported to be progressing favorably towards recovery. An investigation into the cause of the accident is to be held by the tramway company.

Harrison's Report.—In Harrison's report of the coal market, under date, San Francisco, October 8, appears the following: "There are at present 33 cargoes chartered, 25 of which are ready en route. The total tonnage of these vessels engaged will foot up to 110,000 tons, which shows very clearly that the ships are arriving here largely in the latter part of the month. We had at this time last month 145,000 tons loading en route for this port. It is reported that 16s. is the minimum rate for early loading from Newcastle. But few vessels are likely to be engaged at this rate. The importers cannot see their way clear to dispose of coal cargoes at covering figures. The products of British Columbia and Washington are being landed here at prices which exclude the importation from Australia."

Chief Justice Tuck.—Hon. Wm. H. Tuck, chief justice of the province of New Brunswick, and one of the oldest judges on the Supreme Court bench in the Dominion, is expected in Victoria tomorrow. He is now visiting his son at Esquimalt. His lordship is 73 years of age, and has occupied a seat on the Supreme Court bench for nearly nine years. His present trip to Victoria is mainly for the purpose of visiting his children, one of his sons residing at Winnipeg and another at Esquimalt, near Vancouver, and he has several other relatives in various parts of the continent. His lordship is a great admirer of the Western people with their hearty hospitality.

Elison Theatre.—This week's programme pleased a very large audience at the Elison last night. "Comedy Boomers" are billed at "comedy boomers," and they certainly deserve the title, for they kept the house in a continual roar with their comic sayings, dances, and songs. The beau ideal of jugglers, Nelsons, came next, and his reappearance in Victoria was greeted with round after round of applause. He does some very clever juggling, ending with his own wonderful creation, the spinning plates. Mount & Delmar in a refined comedy sketch, "My Lady's Foot," made an instantaneous hit. His songs, "A Honey That I Love So Well" with great effect, and "Our Girl," which was frequently encored. The anti-matter reproductions proved far better than the usual variety fare. His show last week, "Street Car Clevary," "Down Where the Wutzburger Blooms," "Smith's Wife Inspects the New Typewriter," are all very funny, while the "Start of the First Race of Reliance and Shamrock III," etc., proved very interesting.

Mr. Newsbush (trying to engage a cook).—"E'er, have you ever worked out of the city? Miss De Lancy—How I? There ain't a conductor on a suburban train running out of this town that I can't call by his first name!—Brooklyn Life.

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The passenger department of the C. P. R. has issued a circular for distribution particularly in the East on winter tours to Australia and New Zealand, which is an innovation in its line, and is said to excel those offered by other lines to the Mediterranean. These tours come some over four months, and an idea of the universality of the routes followed may be gained from the following four itineraries, any one of which may be selected.

Route 1—Direct rail lines to Vancouver; Canadian-Australian line to Sydney, Australia, calling at Victoria, B. C. (Honolulu, H. I., Suva, Fiji and Brisbane, Queensland); rail to Melbourne; steamer to Launceston; rail to Hobart; Tasmania; steamer to Auckland, N. Z., calling at Bluff, Dunedin, Christchurch, Wellington, Napier and Gisborne; Oceanic S. S. Co., Auckland to San Francisco, calling at Pago-Pago, Samoa, and Honolulu, H. I., direct rail lines to starting point.

Route 2—Same as route 1 to Auckland, N. Z., steamer to Suva, Fiji, calling at points in the Tonga and Friendly Islands, Apia, Samoa, and Levuka, Fiji; Canadian-Australian line to Vancouver, calling at Honolulu, H. I., and Victoria, B. C., direct rail lines to starting point.

Route 3—Same as route 1 to Hobart, Tasmania, steamer to Wellington, New Zealand, calling at Bluff, Dunedin and Christchurch; rail to Wellington to Vancouver; steamer to Papeete, Tahiti, to Papeete; rail to Auckland; steamer to Suva, Fiji; Canadian-Australian line to Vancouver, calling at Honolulu, H. I., and Victoria, B. C., direct rail lines to starting point.

Route 4—Same as route 3 to Auckland Oceanic S. S. Co. to San Francisco, calling at Pago-Pago, Samoa, and Honolulu, H. I., direct rail lines to starting point.

The steamer Arangi will sail from Vancouver on the first tour on November 13 of this year, and R. M. S. Moana on December 11. The return to Vancouver will be made from Suva, Fiji, on March 29, 1904, while the steamship Ventura of the Oceanic line will return to San Francisco from Auckland on March 18, 1904. The rate covering the entire journey is \$500.

DISAPPEARING BRITAIN.

Some interesting facts concerning the changes in the sea coast of the United Kingdom were contained in the report of a special committee, read the other day before the British Association. It appears that Ireland is generally wasting, though, on the whole, not slowly. The heavier losses seem to be in parts of the north-west coast, especially in the northern half of the latter. The most marked loss in Scotland seems to be about St. Andrews, and the only gain is near Buntisland, owing to the accumulation of sand banks on the foreshore. In Wales the loss is about eight out of twenty-four places observed. The loss however is not generally heavy, the most serious being between Llanelli and the Kidwelly river. England suffers most for the gains are rare and local, while losses are frequent and often extensive. The parts most affected are along the eastern coast from the northern part of Yorkshire down to the Straits of Dover, and along most of the south coast to Devon. From Flint Brigg to the Specton Cliffs the loss is about a yard a year. The whole coast from Bridlington Quay to Spurn Head is receding at double that rate where not specially protected, and in one or two places even more rapidly. There are some slight gains in the estuary of the Humber. On the whole the Lincolnshire coast is not suffering severely; but on the other side of the Wash the East Anglian coast down to Harwich affords an almost continuous record of loss, which is sometimes even greater than that in Yorkshire, the annual waste at one place being reckoned at five yards. The report shows that a good deal of this loss might be prevented by proper precautions.

Mail News of Far-away Yukon

Rampart is Fast Forging Ahead as a Promising Hydraulic Camp.

North American Trading and Transportation Co. Moving Head Offices.

From Dawson exchanges just to hand the following interesting items are taken:

Clear Creek is the richest poor man's creek in the Yukon, in the opinion of Wells Young, who returned from the new diggings. Wherever the miners got to sluicing this season on Clear, he says, they obtained good results, though all were troubled more or less with water, and require pumps before they can handle the ground.

The White Pass has a gang of men engaged cutting the new stretch of trail from Sulphur to Wounded Moose. They were sent out this week, and are expected to have the work finished in a few days. The new trail will be eight miles long. General Agent Rogers says that no more men are needed. When it became known he would need some men he was besieged by a flying wedge of fellows who wanted the work.

Seven claims owned by J. J. Rutledge and D. W. Davis on Gold Itun will be worked all winter. A hundred men will be kept at work, and they will be producing and placed in position for washing in the spring. The announcement was made by Mr. Rutledge. The claims to be worked are Nos. 8, 13, 24, 32, 36A, 37 and 38. Mr. Rutledge also announces that next spring the syndicate which has secured a concession of the Forty-mile river from its mouth to the international boundary will have a dredge costing \$24,000 ready for operation. He leaves to go outside to look to preparations for the installation of the dredge.

Alex. McDonald is getting ready for next season's work at his property on Dago gulch, lower Hunker, and is making wonderful progress with his operations. The area of 250x750 feet has been stripped to a depth of twenty and thirty feet in preparations for next summer's work. He is obtaining good prospects. On the hill back of the pump, where the dump is cleared off, some weeks ago, the dirt has been all shovelled in and will be cleaned up in a few days. McDonald has been allowed dumping privileges on the Anderson concession. Since the installation of the Reitter pump, the whole face has been torn from the hill by hydraulic. The pump has proved a continual success and is doing great work. McDonald will clean up Dago gulch, and then use it as a dumping ground for operations on the contiguous properties which he owns on both sides of the gulch. The White channel comes across the top of the hill at that point and then breaks across the gulch.

Land cables installed in the Tanana basin by the United States government in connection with its Alaskan telegraph service, are not a success. They lie along the surface, and are so exposed to frost, that they are broken by wandering bear or other creature often causes trouble with the lines. The cable line is being abandoned and wire on poles substituted where possible. Twenty miles of wire were laid in the Tanana basin.

Alex. McDonald has closed down his plant on Dago hill, lower Hunker, for the winter. The boilers have been laid up for the cold months and all the machinery has under cover. The new plant recently completed. The first cleanup since the installation of the new plant took place Sunday and is said to have yielded a highly satisfactory amount of dust. It is stated that the project has proved a financial success, and demonstrated that the gravel is rich. George H. McDougall, engineer-in-charge on the properties, is going outside to spend the winter at his home in Chicago. He will return in April with supplies for McDonald. On account of the delay in the Reitter pump, the work on McDonald's properties, two similar pumps, it is reported, will be brought in next spring for operation on Bonanza.

The North American Trading and Transportation Company is moving its head offices of the western portion of the continent from Seattle to Dawson. This effort is reported current in Dawson, and it is not officially contradicted. Vice President and General Manager Will H. Isom was asked this morning if this was true. He did not contradict the report, but said that whatever the company might be doing in regard to head offices is a public affair, and he had nothing to say for publication regarding the matter. K. B. Snowden, secretary of the company, and E. W. McAdams, one of the chief bookkeepers, arrived at Skagway en route to Dawson from Seattle. Mr. Snowden is mentioned at Seattle for years, and has been the chief man of his company at that important station. The fact he is coming to Dawson at this late time in the open season and that Mrs. Snowden is in company with him on the trip seems to strengthen the report of the change. The offices of the company at Seattle have been the offices at which the accounts regarding the northern posts of the company have been kept. The removal of such a central office to Dawson would mean the recognition of Dawson as a more important focal locality for that important business. Mr. Isom will remain here indefinitely this trip. He usually spends three months of the year in the North, and has not been here that long this season. He probably will go out over the ice.

Rampart is forging forward as a hydraulic camp. Two plants have been installed this season and are doing well, and others are to be installed next year. William H. Hudson, who arrived from Rampart last night on the steamer Sarah, brings the news. He and S. A. Cutting, who arrived with him, and D. McLean will install a hydraulic plant next season on Ruby creek. "Two hydraulic plants," says Hudson, "have been installed in the camp. One is on Hoosier and the other on Hunter. Each creek has two to three feet of pay over the gravel. The bedrock is twenty-two feet deep, and on Hoosier mine, 'The Rampart Mines Company, organized by Rev. Kootz, of Rampart, is preparing to install on Big Minook next year one of the largest hydraulic plants in Alaska. Kootz is manager of the company.'

PROTECT TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS.

One of the great annoyances of subscribers to the telephone is the use of the wire by acquaintances at the exchange of the man who has to pay the bills. Frequently accounts for calls to nearby towns and cities, and sometimes even as far as Chicago, have been rendered to subscribers who have no way of knowing who has made the call. To obviate this, William Callahan, of this city, has invented a small attachment, which can be put on any telephone, which makes it impossible for any one to make a call unless a dime is dropped in a slot. No appreciable bulk is added to the telephone, and the attachment is only one-eighth of an inch thick and three by two inches, with a small receiver for dimes underneath. The subscriber will not be compelled to deposit the dime, as a small key releases the telephone when necessary. —N. Y. Evening Post.

ANOTHER SHIPPER FOR LADYSMITH

Gribble Island Mines Developing ... Compressor Plant And Drills Installed.

Among the passengers on the Tees from the North was N. O. Hughey, vice-president of the Canadian-American Mining Co., of Gribble Island. Mr. Hughey brought six men of the working force at the mine with him, but twelve will remain for the winter, continuing the development work and completing the installation of machinery.

Mr. Hughey says that recently the management has been bending its energies to the completion of a wagon road from the mine to the shore. This is a distance of about three-quarters of a mile. The road is now all ready, and workmen will immediately start taking in the machinery, which has been lying on the beach for some time. The machinery is a compressor plant, drills, etc., and will be installed in thirty days. The first shipments will be made thereafter. They will be made to the smelter at Ladysmith, and as the ore is practically self-fluxing, the product of the mine is in good demand at the smelter. A windmill at Gribble Island landing is one of the improvements in immediate contemplation.

So far about \$20,000 has been spent on the Gribble Island property. The main tunnel is now about 350 feet. A crosscut has been made on a stringer from the main ledge. An upraise has been made from that of thirty feet, and a drift has been run in on that for some forty feet. The main tunnel is being run to intercept the main ledge. Eventually, it is intended to run another tunnel from the opposite side of the mountain a distance of 1,500 feet to meet the workings now being pushed.

The workings are now exposing a fine quality of ore. It is about 15 per cent. copper with good values in gold and silver. Mr. Hughey says that the shipments are expected to go about \$40 to \$45 per ton.

SPORTING NEWS.

ASSOCIATION FOOTBALL.

The match between the Victoria Intermediates and the Banks, which was set for Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, has been postponed until a later date. However, a match will be held on Thursday afternoon, and a big turnout is expected. The Victoria City players are very enthusiastic this season, and they intend to make a strong effort to retain the senior, intermediate and junior championships. Two intermediate teams have been formed.

The Argonauts, the old rivals of the Victoria, have reorganized, and a new club, the Wesley 25's, under the captaincy of A. Allan, the well known lacrosse player, is starting out with a membership of forty determined to take the championship from the Argonauts. Capt. C. Marpole, of the Vancouver seniors, has generously bought a complete outfit of green jerseys with white collars for the Argonauts, and Mr. Borgardus has offered to supply the Wesley Tigers with uniforms.

HOCKEY.

The first hockey match of the season takes place on Thursday the 15th at Oak Bay between the High School team and the Nanaimo hockey team. The High School team—Goal, C. Carne; full backs, N. Scott and H. Allen; half backs, F. Wood, C. Rogers and G. Bowes; forwards, G. W. Jones, B. Hewson; centre, S. Winsby (capt.); Gibson and M. Cunniss.

THE KENNEL.

The secretary's report of the inaugural meet of the B. C. Field Trials Club, is as follows:

The Derby stakes of the Vancouver Field Trials Club was completed on Friday night, and the winners announced. Roy's Lady owned by Miss W. E. Davie, of Victoria, was placed first. She was handled by Mr. C. H. Sweetser, of San de Juan, Whiting Island, Wash. She is by Roy Montez and Victoria and Victoria Belle II., both good bench show dogs; but it is rare to get field trial stock from bench show type.

Texada, the second place winner, is an English setter owned by N. F. Lyne, of Vancouver, bred on the lines of the best field trials stock of the day. She was under one year old when run, which makes her run all the more creditable. Criterion, the third place winner, is owned by Dr. Findley, of Vancouver. He, with Roy's Lady, had the advantage of nearly the limit of age for a Derby dog. He ran a good competition. Criterion was ready a green dog, having been trained by Sweetser for only four days.

Vancouver spot, Texada, was the only pointer placed in the trials. He was owned by E. S. Wilband, and did fair work in both heats, but tired very badly in the last run.

On Saturday, for the All-Age Stakes, the following dogs were placed in the order named: Vale Belle, 1st, C. Cocking, handler; Vale Rose, 2nd, J. Brooks, handler; Toby's Destiny, 3rd, C. H. Sweetser, handler; Lady Helen, 4th, C. H. Sweetser, handler. The performance of Vale Belle, owned by Mr. C. Cocking, of Vancouver, was a remarkable exhibition of field trial work, and proves beyond a doubt that the high-class field dog is also the best one to bag game over. In the two heats made by Vale Belle not one error was made; seven staunch points were made in each case, and she was never ordered to flush by the judge. When a blank shot was fired, Belle was ready to shot and wing in each instance, until ordered away by her handler.

This makes the second win Belle has made in trials, she winning first in the Pacific Northwest Derby, 1901. Belle has also three firsts to her credit on the bench, a record which perhaps no other dog in America has, it being very difficult to get a combination of field trial and bench type. The performance of Vale Belle, owned by Mr. Joseph Brooks, was good, although there was not the amount of bird work done as in the case of the first place winner.

The work of Toby's Destiny, the third place winner, was a combination of speed and range. She was placed above Lady Roberts solely for this superior quality, the bird work of both being faulty from lack of training. Toby's Destiny, when thoroughly broken, will be a strong competitor in any field trial stakes. She is owned by Mr. N. F. Lyne. The breeding of Toby's Destiny is of the best. She is by Toby Boy, who has won many times credit than any other dog living or dead. The dam is the great winning dog Sport's Destiny. She has won in several field trials. Lady Roberts is owned by Mr. J. Graham Abbott, and was handled by Mr. N. F. Lyne. She only requires training to make a first class sporting dog.

DE WITTE'S DEPARTURE.

Now that M. De Witte has been removed from the Ministry of Finance the Russian press is beginning to renew its former discussion of the propriety of dividing the responsibilities of the chief Government departments, and so depriving them of their preponderating influence. This is not without significance, of course, in a country where nothing can be presented without the consent of the censor. The division of the Finance Ministry was talked about even in the days of M. Bunge, and its dismemberment was actually begun under M. Witte by the creation of the office for the commercial marine and commercial ports and the division of authority over the factory inspectors. The Novo-tinov demands that the Finance Ministry shall in future be restricted to matters relating to the credit and to the income and expenditure of the State. The Agrarian banks, it suggests, might be handed over to the Ministry of Agriculture, and the financial education, while a separate Ministry should be created for the administration of the customs and of commerce and industry and the State Bank be made an entirely independent institution. The Novo-tinov also demands the present moment

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In accordance with arrangements which have been completed, half the number of those feathered strangers from England's dells and glades, will be placed in Vancouver, and taken care of there until next spring, when they will be distributed throughout the woodlands of the lower mainland. The remainder will be placed in Benson Hill Park aviary and kept until the spring, when they will be given their liberty at various points on Vancouver Island.

The total cost of purchasing these birds, bringing them out to the province

and boarding them until spring, will be about \$500.

The executive committee of the Natural History Society met Monday night to make arrangements for the reception of the birds when they shall reach Victoria after their long journey, and also to draw up a suitable programme for the winter months' meetings. A most interesting series of papers will be given by members of the society.

SOCIALISM IN SPAIN.

The Spanish Socialist party appears to be almost equally divided on the question of making common cause with the Republicans at the polls. A canvass recently taken shows that fourteen out of the thirty-four groups into which the party is organized have resolved to follow the lead of their Madrid brethren and vote with the Republicans. But the Socialists in the great manufacturing centres, such as Alicante, Bilbao, Burgos, Cordova, Malaga, Vizco, etc., where class feeling is marked very strongly, will have nothing to do with the Republicans, whom they regard as mere politicians, hungry for the spoils of office. It is noteworthy, however, that the Socialists in Barcelona decided to ally themselves with the Republicans by a considerable majority. As in France, so in Spain, the Socialists are divided into extremists and opportunists, and party action is paralyzed by the dissensions existing between the two factions. Should these differences be settled, the Government might find itself confronted by a difficult situation. Already the coalitions between the Socialists and Republicans which have been effected in some of the largest cities suffice to cause no little anxiety in official circles.

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